

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on October 25, 2016 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson  
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson  
Mark Raymond, Clerk  
Chris Lyons  
Jennifer Wolf

Members Absent: John Aforismo, Alternate  
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate  
Damien Cregeau, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator  
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Raymond read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on October 13, 2016.

**APPLICATION NO. 4549-16.** Barbara Ruhe seeks to replace the existing front door with sidelights with a fiberglass door with sidelights in a similar design at 79 Main Street.

Barbara Ruhe, 79 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. She would like to replace the door and side lights. Photos of the suggested door were provided. It will have a wood grain exterior finish and will be painted white. They will remove the screen, refurbish it, and re-install it.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4550-16.** Tom the Toolman Tyler seeks to replace the front picture window with three (3) double hung Jeld Wen W-2500 wood windows at 390 Main Street.

Tom Tyler, 172 Knott Street, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the front picture window, which currently exists as three single windows in one wood frame. It is currently one stationary plate glass window and two double-hung windows. They would like to replace it with three double-hung windows in one wood frame. The windows will be Jeld Wen W-2500 1/1 wood windows. The windows will be equal size and will fit in the same size frame as the existing. The windows are primed white but will be painted to match the house. The exterior trim will be replaced in kind.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4551-16.** Robert and Nicole Hart seek to replace the wood sliding glass door with an Andersen A Series patio door with grids between the glass to match the light patterns on the windows at 13 Harmund Court.

Jason of Renewal by Andersen, 800 Corporate Road, Cromwell, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the wood sliding glass door on the back of the house. A photo of the existing door was provided. It will be a French wood glider with grids between the glass. It will be 3 grids wide x 5 grids tall and the exact same size as the existing door. It will have the same screen as shown.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4552-16.** Mary Ryan seeks to install a radon venting system on the rear of the property which shall extend from the basement to 1' above the roof line and shall be constructed of 3" PVC pipe with a "radon away" fan attached at 56 Harmund Place.

Mary Ryan, 13 Wilcox Street, appeared before the Commission. She hopes to purchase the property. There will be a pipe out of the rear of the house near the southeast corner. It will run up the exterior of the house and will extend 1' above the roof line. It will be standard white PVC pipe. It shouldn't be too visible due to the slope of the roof.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

**APPLICATION NO. 4553-16.** Dunn-Rite Construction Company seeks to replace the existing wood vertical 2/2 windows with either vinyl Mercury Excelum EOS system SDL windows or Trimline Legends aluminum clad wood SDL windows in a vertical 2/2 light pattern at 38 Garden Street.

Bob Partridge, 197 Hamilton Street, Hartford, and Brian of Mercury Excelum in East Windsor, appeared before the Commission. They would like to replace the window sashes only. The frames will be the same. The existing storm windows will remain. There are approximately 50 windows that will be changed. They are currently wood vertical 2/2 windows now. A sample of the Mercury window was provided. It is a vinyl window with SDL. The Trimline window is their second choice and it is wood interior and aluminum clad.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Wolf

**APPLICATION NO. 4549-16.** Barbara Ruhe seeks to replace the existing front door with sidelights with a fiberglass door with sidelights in a similar design at 79 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that it replicates the look of the existing.

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is low impact.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Wolf

**APPLICATION NO. 4550-16.** Tom the Toolman Tyler seeks to replace the front picture window with three (3) double hung Jeld Wen W-2500 wood windows at 390 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Garrey stated that this is a minor change in windows. The picture window is not period to the house.

Commissioner Ovian stated that this is more harmonious with the age of the building.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Wolf

**APPLICATION NO. 4551-16.** Robert and Nicole Hart seek to replace the wood sliding glass door with an Andersen A Series patio door with grids between the glass to match the light patterns on the windows at 13 Harmund Court.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that this has minimal impact on the District.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian Raymond, Lyons, Wolf

**APPLICATION NO. 4552-16.** Mary Ryan seeks to install a radon venting system on the rear of the property which shall extend from the basement to 1' above the roof line and shall be constructed of 3" PVC pipe with a "radon away" fan attached at 56 Harmund Place.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that the location is appreciated. This will have the least impact on public views.

Commissioner Garrey stated that it is a necessary utility.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Wolf

**APPLICATION NO. 4553-16.** Dunn-Rite Construction Company seeks to replace the existing wood vertical 2/2 windows with either vinyl Mercury Excelum EOS system SDL windows or Trimline Legends aluminum clad wood SDL windows in a vertical 2/2 light pattern at 38 Garden Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The windows shall be Trimline Legends aluminum clad wood windows in a 2/2 vertical light pattern in the color white.
2. The windows shall have the muntins permanently affixed to the exterior and interior of the windows.
3. The muntin width shall be 7/8".

**Discussion**

Commissioner Ovian stated that he is open to the first product.

Commissioner Garrey stated that the windows will be behind the storms, but this is a prominent location. The windows are an important feature on the house.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Wolf

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2016**

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Wolf and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the August 23, 2016 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Ovian, Wolf, Lyons

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2016**

Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond, seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District**

None.

**Report of the Historic District Coordinator**

The next meeting, November 8, 2016, will be held in the Police Department, Community Room at 250 Silas Deane Highway.

**Correspondence**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Raymond and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Raymond, Lyons, Wolf

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mark Raymond  
- Clerk -